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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An anchor for securing a suture to bone, comprising:

an elongated body having a proximal region terminating in a proximal end, and a distal region terminating in a distal end configured for insertion into a hole in the bone;

said proximal region including an element configured for positive axial interengagement with a corresponding element of a driver for insertion of said anchor into the hole, said element of said proximal region including one of a protrusion or a recess which axially interlocks with a corresponding recess or protrusion, respectively, of the corresponding driver element;

at least one ridge, disposed on an exterior surface of said body, for engaging the bone after insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor; and

a suture mount carried by said elongated body.

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